

IN THE CLAIMS

1-15. (Cancelled)

16. (Currently Amended): A method for providing content from the page in a distributed database, comprising the steps of:

providing a page of data from the database to a client, wherein the page has a plurality of links to linked pages in the database;

~~retrieving at least one cached thumbnail for links within the plurality of links; and~~

~~generating a set of thumbnails at least one uncached thumbnail for links within the plurality of links, wherein the at least one cached thumbnail and the at least one uncached thumbnail form a set of thumbnails for the plurality of links.~~

17. (Original): The method as recited in claim 16, further comprising embedding the thumbnails into the page prior to providing the page to the client.

18. (Original): The method as recited in claim 17, further comprising manually fine tuning the thumbnails prior to embedding the thumbnails into the page.

19. (Original): The method as recited in claim 16, further comprising:

selectively replacing the thumbnails by icons; and

embedding the icons into the page prior to providing the thumbnails to the client.

20. (Original): The method as recited in claim 19 wherein the icons are manually determined by the owner of the linked page associated with each icon.

21. (Currently Amended): A computer network, comprising:

a network;

a server connected to the network; and

a client connected to the network; wherein

the network provides communications between the client and the server;

the server provides to the client a page of data from a database wherein the page has a plurality of links to linked pages in the database; and

~~the server retrieves at least one cached thumbnail for links within the plurality of links;~~
~~the server generates at least one uncached thumbnail for links within the plurality of links,~~
~~wherein the at least one cached thumbnail and the at least one uncached thumbnail form a set of~~
~~thumbnails for the plurality of links; and~~
~~the server embeds in the page a the set of thumbnails of the linked pages in the database.~~

22. (Original): The network as recited in claim 21, wherein the set of thumbnails are manually fine tuned prior to being embedded in the page.

23. (Original): The network as recited in claim 21, wherein the thumbnails are selectively replaced by icons and the icons embedded in the page prior to providing the page to the client.

24-35. (Cancelled)